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In re application of:

Junichi Miura, et al.

Application No.: 09/591,927

Filed: June 12, 2000

For: ELECTRONIC
AUTHENTICATION METHOD,
ELECTRONIC AUTHENTICATION
APPARATUS AND ELECTRONIC
AUTHENTICATION STORAGE
MEDIUM

Customer No.: 20350

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed July 19, 2004 on the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.